and they came on for hearing on the 11th of August, before Messrs. Alderman Farebrother and Lucas, who decided they had no power to settle it, as the rules said nothing about excursions or benefits at theatre, and it was only a common debt. As therefore the society cannot recover it in this way, I should be obliged by any of your numerous correspondents informing the committee how they can recover the money; and by inserting this in your valuable paper, you may prevent other societies from being robbed by unprincipled persons.

Yours, &c. (for the committee),
WM. WOOD, Hon. Sec.
Bell, Old Bailey, Aug. 18, 1846.

IMPROVEMENT OF CHELSEA.

MR. EDITOR,—What are the Woods and Forests or the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital going to do at "White Stiles," Chelsea? The reports and speculations are quite alarming; some say it is for an enlargement of the parish burial-ground, others that a statue of Punch, as exhibited in a late number, is to be placed there. Now do look at it, Mr. Editor, it is worth a visit; as "arbiter elegantiarum," enlighten our understandings. What can this mean, in the middle of a parish that has just taxed itself to the tune of 30,000*l.* for general and local improvements? You will say, what are the Chelsea Commissioners about? I understand they have received favours, are hoping for more, and so they shut one eye when they pass that locality. But look at it! Mr. Editor, and try if you can fish out the design. I am, Sir, &c.

August 22nd. W. D.

*** The curious arrangement of the place in question, and the fact, more curious still, that it is being made under the direction of the Woods and Forests, have not escaped us. We don't understand looking for favours by shutting one's eyes, and we hope the Chelsea Commissioners will make such a representation as shall induce the parties interested to inclose and plant the ground in a proper manner, or at least, to remove altogether the present beggarly admixture of iron fencing and wooden rails.

Miscellanea.

PLAN OF THE PARISH OF TWICKENHAM.—Mr. W. T. Warren, of Isleworth, land-surveyor, has just published a plan of this parish on a large scale, which appears to be very correctly executed. The interesting associations which belong to Twickenham, beautifully situated, too, as it is, on the Thames, give an additional value to a faithful map of it. Pope, Walpole and Strawberry-hill, Sir Godfrey Kneller, and the wonderful man who now rules the French empire, have made Twickenham a parish of pleasant memories.

CHURCH NEEDLE-WORK.—We have recently seen a beautiful specimen of embroidery for ecclesiastical purposes executed by Miss King. The subject is the Saviour in the act of benediction, surrounded by the attributes of the Evangelists, on a gold back-ground. Such of our readers as are concerned in church decorations may thank us for bringing this lady to their notice. Mr. Blackburne, architect, of Clement's-Inn, will shew it to those who are interested in the matter.

AN EXEMPLARY SOVEREIGN.—The King of Prussia has not only granted permission to the Lutheran inhabitants of Cologne to erect a large church there, but has ordered the State to furnish a site, and contribute fourteen marble columns to ornament the nave. The building is to cost about 150,000 thalers (570,000 francs), a sum which was raised in a couple of days.

AVERAGE OF LIFE.—M. Lombard found that the age of the stone-cutter averaged 34 years, the miller 42, the painter 44, the joiner 49, the butcher 53, the lawyer 51, the surgeon 54, the mason 55, the gardener 60, the merchant 62, the Protestant clergyman 63, the magistrate 69.—*Hastings on Consumption.*

REBUILDING OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEWFOUNDLAND.—The sum of 2,000*l.* has been granted by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge towards the re-edification of the Church of St. John, destroyed by the recent fire.

CHRIST CHURCH, PORTSWOOD.—The walls of this structure, recently commenced from the design of Messrs. R. and J. A. Brandon, are to be constructed throughout of Swanage stone. The tracery of the windows, the font, weatherings of buttresses, strings, copings, crosses, and the piers and arches of the interior, and all moulded work to be of Caen stone. The timbers of the roof, which are exposed to view, are to be of fir wrought and stained, and covered with plain tiles. The structure will consist of chancel, nave, tower, south aisle, and south porch, provision being made for the future addition of a north aisle. The spire is to be constructed of timber, and covered with oak shingle. The church will afford accommodation for 400 worshippers.

WESTMINSTER BRIDGE DEFYING REPAIR.—We learn that on Tuesday afternoon, the workmen engaged in repairing the bridge were alarmed by a sudden cracking of the crown of one of the arches; and that on inspection, it turns out that the roadway and a portion of the foot-pavement have opened very considerably; and that the carriage way towards the middle has, to all appearance, sunk several inches. Notices were, as soon as possible, posted up, to the effect, that the navigation through the centre and two next arches towards the Surrey side, is stopped. On Wednesday afternoon, two large pieces of stone are also said to have sunk from their level, and caused renewed alarm; but the fractured portions have, in the meantime, been propped up with poles or other supports.

WESTMINSTER PALACE.—From the fourth report of the Select Committee of the Lords on the progress of the new Houses of Parliament, just issued, it appears that Mr. Barry has pledged his word to their lordships that their house will be set in order and fit for occupation at the opening of the session next year.

TENDER.

For alterations and new buildings to be erected at the London and Birmingham Railway Station, Euston-square. August 20th, 1846.

Branscom and Greyther.....	£63,962
Baker.....	63,700
Lee.....	60,400
Howard and Nixon.....	60,350
Grissell.....	60,200
Piper.....	60,050
Grundell.....	59,890
W. Cubitt and Co.....	59,736

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

[We are compelled, by the interference of the Stamp Office, to omit the names of the parties to whom tenders, &c. are to be addressed. For the convenience of our readers, however, they are reserved in a book, and may be seen on application at the office of "The Builder," 2, York-street, Covent Garden.]

For the erection of goods warehouses for the Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Manchester Railway, at the Ashton and Manchester stations.

For the maintenance of the permanent way between Bristol and the Standish Junction, near Stonehouse, on the Bristol and Birmingham.

For the construction of the Perth tunnel on the Scottish Central Railway, in such lots as may be agreed on. The excavation is through old red sandstone and whinstone rock.

For sundry repairs in the building of St. James's Chapel, Hampstead-road.

For sundry decorations in the painting of St. James's Chapel, Hampstead-road.

For the building of school and school-houses at Horndon-on-the-Hill.

For about 843 square yards of good granite paving, 5 inches deep and three inches in thickness, with channel and division stones, seven inches deep and five inches in thickness, for Windsor.

For a gasometer, capable of containing 10,000 cubic feet, with the necessary suspension, &c., and if complete with cast-iron tank: wanted immediately at the Gas Works, Halstead, Essex.

For a supply of wrought-iron tanks and gasometers in various sizes, from 50 to 5,000 cubic feet, at Bloomsbury.

For a supply of 500 tons of flat-bottomed service rails, requiring no chairs, and weighing 32 lbs. per yard, for the works on the Aberdeen railway, delivered free at Aberdeen or Montrose.

For railway rails, chairs, locomotives, and tenders, switches, and points, railway signals and lanterns; also turning lathes, boring engines, slotting machines, machines for screwing bolts and nuts, machines for finishing nuts, portable cranes, columnar water cranes and tanks, &c., all of the best construction, for a continental railway.

For a gasometer for the Great Yarmouth Gas Works.

For a cast-iron tank 60 feet deep for the Great Yarmouth Gas Works.

For any quantity of road materials that may be required by the surveyor for the Commissioners for Paving, Lighting, and Improving the parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, London, either of Kentish rag, Bombay granite, flints, gravel, or any other description of serviceable road materials.

For forty spirit lamps, more or less, for the Commissioners for Paving, Lighting, and Improving the parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green.

For building a bathing lodge on the lands of Knockduff, near Kinsale, Ireland.

For rebuilding the church of Ballymodan, Bandon, County Cork, Ireland.

For the whole of the works on that part of the Aberdeen Railway from Auchingoverna to Water of Burrie, a length of three miles and upwards.

For the whole of the works on the Craigo contract of the Aberdeen Railway, extending from Hatchetwist to the Esk, a length of four miles.

For the supply and erection of lamp-posts where required within the town of Largan, Scotland.

For the works to be done in erecting the new school-houses at St. John's, in Bradwardine.

For the mason and brickwork to be done in the erection of the proposed new church for the Wicker district. (Sheffield).

For 3,500 tons of wrought-iron rails for the Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Stour Valley railway.

For 2,000 tons of cast-iron chairs for the Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Stour Valley railway.

For the execution of the first contract of the works on the portion of the Leeds and Bradford railway extension from Keighley to Shipton and Colne—a length of 19¼ miles.

For the execution of the second contract of the works on the portion of the Leeds and Bradford railway extension from Keighley to Shipton and Colne—a length of 19¼ miles.

For the works on that part of the Montrose branch of the Aberdeen railway from its junction with the main line at Dubston to the level of the turnpike-road near Montrose—a length of upwards of a mile.

For the wright and carpenter's work to be done in the erection of the proposed new church for the Wicker district, Sheffield.

For the slater, plumber, glazier, and other work to be done in the erection of the proposed new church for the Wicker district, Sheffield.

For a quantity of tiles, either old or new, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

For the erection of a Presbyterian church in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

For 100 to 200 circular cast-iron furnaces, or pans, to contain 150 to 300 gallons each, at Bristol.

For 300 yards of second-hand strong cast-iron rails, about two yards long, and for the disposal of 150 yards of cast-iron pipes, 9-inch bore.

For the repair and restoration of the main roof, stone-cutting, lobbies, and stone steps, of St. George's Church, Leicester (promptly).

For rebuilding the spire and restoring the damaged stonework of the tower of St. George's Church, Leicester promptly.

For painting the principal suite of rooms and grand staircase of the town hall at Brighton.

For the erection of new schools, with master's house, &c., at Harrold Bedfordshire.

For the building of two school-houses and a master's house, in the town of Cardigan.

For the disposal of a respectable country business in the plumbing, glazing, and painting line—returns.

For the disposal to a railway contractor or others, of a twelve-horse disc engine, nearly new, at Gnosal, near Stafford.

For several good carpenters at Lynn.

For quarrymen to work in duty gangs at Penshaw Quarry Newcastle-on-Tyne.

For the supply of a good hand, high-pressure, steam-engine of four, six, or eight horse power, at Shrawardine, Shrewsbury.

For letting by proposal, a well-established brick-yard and tilery at Wolveston, Durham, with dwelling-house, &c., and an excellent seam of clay and bed of sand.

For the supply of a good second-hand high-pressure steam-engine of ten to fifteen horse power, with or without boiler.

For a steady engineer who has a lathe or two to dispose of or otherwise—permanent work Wellington-street, Borough, London.

For an operative painter and glazier, plumber and paper-hanger, to assist in a business twenty miles from London.

For two or three good stone carvers for Gothic details in the country.

For an experienced brickmaker to take charge of a field—with a liberal salary.

APPROACHING SALES OF WOOD, &c.

BY AUCTION.

At Leith, two cargoes of yellow and red pine, birch, ash, and elm, all of large size and fine quality.

At Flathouse, Southampton a well-selected cargo of red and yellow pine, elm, deals, and lathwood.

At Rented, near Colchester, a quantity of ash and oak timber trees.

At Ickleford, near Hitchin, Bedfordshire, twenty-five elm trees of large size.

At Colne Engaine, convenient lots of ash, oak, and elm timber.

At Forfar, a lease of the pavement and slate quarries of Carse Loan, near Forfar.

At Garstern Wood, Cork, in one lot: a large quantity of oak and birch cut down this year, and suitable for carpenters, &c.

At Tooley-street, Borough: the building materials of a stack of hop warehouses, comprising 1,000,000 of the finest stock bricks, several tons of lead, fifty iron columns, and a large quantity of slates, joists, flooring, &c.

A quantity of yellow pine, rock elm, spruce deals, and lathwood at Southampton docks.

A large quantity of oak timber trees of large size in Gloucestershire.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 growing Scots fir trees in Perthshire, planted in 1770, and fit for building purposes, or for railway sleepers.

600 larch sleepers, nearly all waste cut, seven feet long by seven inches, small end, near Midmiller, Scotland.

An eight horse power condensing steam-engine and machinery at Kirkaldy.

A large quantity of cut timber trees and poles of many kinds of wood, including oak, chesnut, lime, poplar, elm, &c., near Nottingham.

A quantity of oak timber of large size, fallen and prepared, near Stroud.

Two good upright turn staircases, one 12 feet 9 high; the other 9 feet 9, at Birmingham.

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